

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating a confirmation message ~~notifying a calling mobile station that a called mobile station has confirmed a message by the called mobile station after receiving the message from a mobile switching center (MSC) in a wireless communication system~~, comprising the steps of:

informing a [[the]] called mobile station of receipt of a a ~~[[the]]~~message from a [[the]]calling mobile station;

determining, if the received message is a text message, ~~whether~~ if a called party of the called mobile station has confirmed the received message, which is stored in the called mobile station; and

~~automatically transmitting, from the called mobile station, a confirmation message to be delivered to the calling mobile station, wherein the confirmation message is generated by the called mobile station when notifying that the message has been confirmed, if it is determined that the called mobile station has confirmed the received message;~~

~~wherein~~ and the confirmation message includes a telephone number of ~~a caller~~ the calling mobile station.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of determining, if the received message is a voice message, whether the called mobile station is connected to a voice mail center in order to confirm the received voice message.

18. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein the confirmation message is a data burst message.

19. (New) The method of Claim 16, wherein the confirmation message is a short message.

20. (New) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the steps of:
sounding an alarm; and
displaying, in the calling mobile station, information indicating receipt of the confirmation message, upon receipt of the confirmation message.

21. (New) A method of communicating a confirmation message, comprising the steps of:
determining, when a voice call is not normally established between a called mobile station and a calling mobile station, if a called party of the called mobile station has confirmed a message created and transmitted by the calling mobile station;
generating, by the called mobile station, a confirmation message indicating the confirmation by the called party; and
transmitting, from the called mobile station, the confirmation message to the calling mobile station.

22. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein the message transmitted by the calling mobile station is a voice message.

23. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein the message transmitted by the calling mobile station is a text message.

24. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein the confirmation message is a data burst message.

25. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein the confirmation message is a short message.

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26. (New) The method of Claim 21, further comprising the steps of:
sounding an alarm, and displaying, in the calling mobile station, information indicating receipt of the confirmation message, upon receipt of the confirmation message.

27. (New) The method of Claim 21, wherein the confirmation message includes a telephone number of the calling mobile station.